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In re Application of:

Bruning III, et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR PROVIDING VERY LARGE
VIRTUAL STORAGE VOLUMES
USING REDUNDANT ARRAYS
OF DISKS

Examiner: Kimberly N. McLean

Art Unit: 2187

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final office communication mailed July 1, 2002,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 9.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8, 13 and 14 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for providing a virtual volume, the apparatus comprising:

a plurality of disks;

a plurality of back-end controller coupled to the plurality of disks for organizing and presenting the plurality of disks as a plurality of redundant arrays of disks; and

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